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To All Sponsors, members and interested persons

"Reaching out to the world - one village at a time." We focus our efforts on safety, security, education and health care to improve the lives of these children. Our goal is to give them the tools they need to better themselves and their communities. We will do this in several ways...



The HCCP Project Oct 2005 - TO - Project Animals for the children 2007 and ongoing.

Steve Coombe, our Chairperson visited Uganda in April/May 2008 on SURGE Australia's behalf to assess our involvement and see the results of your donations.



Here you can see Steve opening the Medical Clinic with the village of Bulanga looking on in April 2008.

WE now have a new list of over 30 children to find sponsors for:



These are just two of the thirty plus children needing urgent help in our Child Development Program

Bright Hope School in the Rakai District of southern Uganda [built in February 2006 with funds generously donated by HUGS supporters in USA], the school is located on the grounds of Hope Child Care Program -Uganda and serves the village of Bulanga as well as other nearby areas.

This school continues a high education for the sponsored children and children of the surrounding districts whose families can pay fees.

They are given hot food during the day - here in this picture you can see them eating posho.



Well over 300 children are now attending the school, which currently provides instruction for primary grades 1-6. Children who are sponsored through the SURGE Program are automatically enrolled in the school. Besides receiving a quality education, the \$25/month (current) sponsorship fee also provides each child with a daily hot meal, shoes, medicine and a school uniform. Children in need can also be boarded at HCCP for an additional \$25/month.

We now have 3 sponsored children being boarded at HCCP because of sickness or being physically abused by family.

August 2008 – Supporting Uganda’s Re-Growth Efforts Inc (SURGE Australia) has currently **17 sponsored** children and **we need someone who will be willing to support an 85 year old widower** with 9 orphaned grandchildren for just \$25aud per month.



Figure 1 – Children reaching out!

Figure 2 – The 85 year old widower

S.U.R.G.E Inc. has now been in operation for almost 3 years now, officially. Our 2nd Year ended on 31st Oct 2007 and we held the AGM on March 15th 2008. The new Constitution was revised and was approved and is now current, approved by OCBA. You will soon be able to see this document on our website or you can have it sent to you by request.

On behalf of the Board Members we wish to thank you all, for what you have helped us to achieve in such a short time.

We continually need your prayers as we continue to serve our God and you the sponsor and members and supporters, with integrity and openness. Sadly our Treasurer has resigned for family reasons – and so I would like to express here deep gratitude for the work Moira has done for our organisation. Under the extraordinary powers of the Board of Management, we have appointed as Acting Treasurer, Steve Coombe.

Yes we are looking for a new Treasurer, if you think you can fill this position this please contact our Secretary of Board – Kitt via the above yahoo email.

How wonderful it is seeing the changes **YOU** and others have made to the HIV/AIDS effected children, community and the Project at Hope Child Care Programme – Bulanga, Sthn Rakai District Uganda.

Figure 3 – Children pumping fresh clean water for their needs at school and living [donated by Halfwaythere.org USA].



The Medical Clinic



By November 2007 the medical clinic completed the 3rd Stage of the project This has been achieved through generous donations from S.U.R.G.E Inc. via our Surge supporters.



The Medical Clinic is now in its 4th and last stage - Completed, so far due to funds generously donated privately and through S.U.R.G.E supporters. This will also serve the village of Bulanga as well as other nearby areas.

You may want to know how we will distribute monies raised from donations and other fundraising activities by our not-for-profit Christian based charitable organisation?

We have partnered with Hope Child Care Program in Bulanga, Sthn Rakai District of Uganda (**Started in May 2005**).

Some or a small percentage will go to the working Fund. (This is currently being achieved by monies received by recycling cans and bottles plus donations specifically designated to the working fund.)

The main funds raised will be distributed via the Overseas Development and Aid Fund A/c – to support the infrastructures and programs of Education, Physical and Spiritual health of rural Ugandans.

These funds will assist in developing long term, sustainable infrastructure for the project rural community of Uganda

#1 Building of a medical Clinic: at HCCP Project in Rakai District in the poor community of Bulanga and surrounding villages. **NOW INTO FINAL STAGE (4TH STAGE):**- furniture, fittings and medical equipment and electrical support still required. It has been used as from November 2007

Helping to provide necessary medications for the Clinic and equipment for the Pathology which will then become self-sustaining through the cost of treatment that, those that are able to can afford.

#2 the need to **tackle Water shortages** for times of famine and disease. This project has now been started. We are going to help put in **water well** through the HCCP Project **for the Village of Bulanga** and communities. It will cost \$11000usd to complete. You can help by donating any amount or in increments of \$135 you can donate in lieu of a gift to a loved one, and we can send you a card with details for that person. (HCCP have already been donated a functioning water well – for the HCCP project by *Halfwaythere.org* in USA –)

#3 Agricultural needs: Animals e.g. cow \$203aud; goat \$40aud; chickens \$10aud; seeds \$10aud - Ask us for further details. The animals are given to the children rather than the adults so that the animals are not sold for 'the drink' by the father or significant others in the child's life.

#4 Educational needs and the provision of /or training of special aid teachers for disabled children in the HIV/AIDS effected rural areas of Uganda. A teacher for this area is about \$300usd per month.

The school is long-term and sustainable because of encouragement of self paying students also attending the school from Bulanga and the surrounding areas.

Help either in personnel – HCCP has employed someone whose name is Fred to Mobilize and look after the needs of our Australian Sponsored Children, reporting of course to Pastor Fred Matovu – or help by other means as needed by HCCP Uganda in the way of Adult Education etc.

#5 The support of infrastructure and *training Programmes* for the physical and spiritual health of Rural Ugandans.

Future ideas:

1. Birthing Kits; immunization of children against childhood diseases; STD and HIV/AIDS medicine for pregnancy and new born children. Also medicines of this kind for those children with HIV/ AIDS.
2. We would like to help with the purchasing of plants and animals for the agricultural Programme and the children of Bulanga and surrounding communities that will in turn provide the community as a whole, with long term and sustainable incomes to provide for their families.
3. Provision of forms of electricity to the HCCP project to enable the use of teaching equipment and school buildings for the ongoing education of HIV/AIDS effected orphans and the community of Bulanga, and surrounding areas. (Large and medium generators) Electricity stops 20km away from the village of Bulanga.

4. Supporting any infrastructure, project (within our guidelines) required to achieve our objectives.

Thank you to all those who have faithfully given and YOU as a sponsor and supporter and member have made so much difference to their lives and their surrounding communities.



Picture 1 and 2: Bi Annual Golf Fundraiser at Willunga Golf Course

Picture 3: The Mad Hatters Tea Party Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who attended, our successful fundraiser in May this year –

The QUIZ NIGHT at Hackham Community Centre.

And all our sponsors: Southern Trophies; Woodcroft Pizza and Ribs; Willunga Golf Course and our wonderful Quiz Master - David.

The Quiz Night will become an Annual Event so watch for details.

The next Fundraiser event is SURGE GOLF SPLURGE at Willunga Golf Course on Monday 6th October 2008 teeing off at 8am.

We have enjoyed serving you as well as making a difference to a child and a village in Uganda.

Lorraine Ridderhof – Program Coordinator

On behalf of Board: Steve Coombe – Chairperson; Kitt McIntosh – Secretary; Peter Hill –Public Officer [until AGM 2009]; Steve Coombe – Acting Treasurer [till AGM 2009]; Mike Colliver, Annette Paterson and Jarna Hill – General Board Members